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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA WILL NOT SUPPORT VENEZUELAN CHANGES TO  
DRAFT DECLARATION OF SAN CARLOS

REF: STATE 40856

Classified By: AMB Lino Gutierrez, for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) On March 20, POLOFF delivered talking points  
(REFTEL) to Ambassador Victor Beauge and Deputy Director  
Gustavo Urrutia of the Office of Counter Terrorism and  
Related Crimes. Mr. Urrutia will head the Argentine  
delegation at the CICTE meeting in Colombia on March 22-24.

¶2. (C) Beauge and Urrutia both said that they did not  
support the changes proposed by Venezuela to the Draft  
Declaration of San Carlos which remove references to United  
Nations Security Council Resolution 1540. Beauge said that  
UNSC resolutions were non-negotiable, obligatory, and that  
there was no option to modify them.

¶3. (C) POLOFF asked if Argentina would explicitly support  
UNSCR 1540 at the Bogota meeting. They replied that although  
they did not know Venezuela's grounds or their specific  
argument for the changes, they told POLOFF they saw no reason  
why Argentina would not support a reference to UNSCR 1540 in  
the Declaration of San Carlos. Urrutia said it would make  
the document stronger and more coherent to include the  
reference to UNSC Resolution 1540.

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